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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Colony—Plague at King Williams Town—Examination of rodents for plague infection.

The following report on the outbreak of plague at King Williams Town is received from the medical officer of health for the colony under date of May 22:

No case of plague in man was discovered during the week; 2 cases discovered during the preceding week remain under treatment.

During the week 174 rats (including 89 found dead) and 94 mice (including 15 found dead) were examined and 70 rats and 4 mice found to be plague infected and 20 rats and 11 mice to be probably plague infected.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Plague, small-pox, and yellow fever—Mosquitoes at Santos.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, May 26:

Two weeks ended May 24, 1907. Vessels inspected and received bills of health from this consulate-general: On the 13th instant the British steamship *Swedish Prince*, for New Orleans via St. Lucia, W. I., in cargo of coffee, no passengers of any class, and no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port; on the 14th instant the British steamship *Drumcondra*, for a Gulf port of the United States (exact destination unknown), in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the ship's personnel while in this port; on the 18th instant the German steamship *Gunther*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, 4 passengers of all classes—2 first cabin and 2 steerage—and with no change in the crew in this port; on the same date the British steamship *Eastern Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers of any class, and with no change in the crew personnel in this port; and on the 20th instant the British steamship *Buffon*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew while in this port. Of these vessels mentioned I did not inspect the steamship *Eastern Prince* or the steamship *Gunther*.

Mortality in Rio de Janeiro.—Week ended May 19, 1907. Total deaths, 227. Yellow fever caused 3 deaths with the same number of reported cases (all fatal); bubonic plague, no deaths, but there were 2 new cases reported, and variola, no cases nor deaths. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastião 1 case of yellow fever, 4 cases of variola, 2 cases of plague, and 18 cases of suspicious illness under observation.